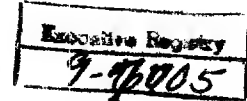


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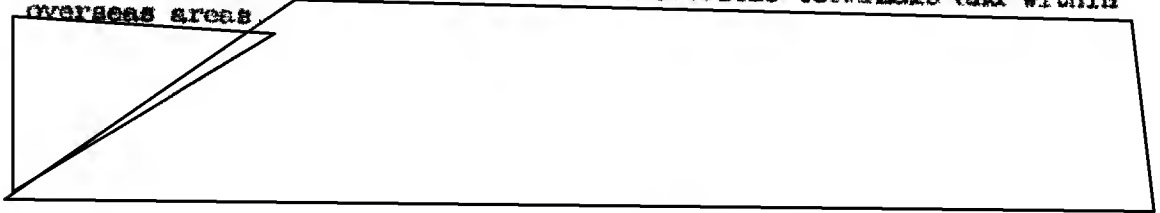


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Honorable Gordon Gray
Director
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gray:

Regarding the question you raised in your letter of 20 August concerning the testing of overseas communications, I had in mind the testing of U. S. communications to overseas terminals and within overseas areas



Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

Thank you for your letter dated July 31, 1957 relative to testing the vulnerability of U. S. communications overseas in the next Operation Alert Exercise. While there has been extensive planning in this area and plans are in existence which are designed to supply the needs of defense agencies in an emergency, to my knowledge, no testing of these plans has been done.

You will recall that in previous Operations Alert we have had no participation in foreign areas and the Exercises were confined to activities within our own shores. It is not clear to me from your letter whether the testing you suggest will embrace communication terminals in foreign areas as well as those in our own country. If both would be involved I believe that this matter should receive attention when the scope of our next Operation Alert is under consideration.

In any event, I agree that it will be desirable to test our ability to maintain overseas communication in the event of an attack and I am interested in learning how you propose to make the tests in CIA.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) GORDON GRAY

Gordon Gray
Director

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Mr. Dulles:

You wish to speak with
about this. (Meeting - 2:30 - 2 October)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

You will recall that you sent recently a letter to Gordon Gray, Director of Office of Defense Mobilization, concerning the last Operation Alert exercise, with particular emphasis on the security of overseas communications. You indicated in the letter that you intended to test CIA's communications at the next Alert exercise.

Mr. Gray acknowledged your letter on 20 August and raised the question as to whether or not the testing proposed would embrace communication terminals in foreign areas as well as those in our country. He indicated further that if both would be involved he thought the matter should receive attention when the scope of the next Operation Alert is under consideration.

Recommend signature.

L. K. WHITE
Deputy Director
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